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Sir:

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified case.

No fee or certification is required.

PART II: Information Cited

1. The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

2. The applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following copending applications that may contain subject matter related to this application:

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- 3. The applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the enclosed search reports from related International Applications: PCT/US 01/30195 and PCT/US 99/25008.
- 4. The applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following other information, whose relevance is discussed in Part IV below:

<u>PART III: Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited</u>

Please see the enclosed search reports and/or provided English abstracts for an explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified).

PART IV: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

- 1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
- 2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
- 3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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